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FROM COLONEL FIELDING LEWIS.

September the 16th. 1769

DEAR SIR

I expect with this you will receive a Letter from my Son Fielding inclosing an Order on Mr. Robert Alexander for the Ballance of his Wifes Fortune which I am very apprehensive is reduced to a small Sum as Mr. Alexander writes me that he has paid several Orders and requests that the Ballance may be taken out of his Hands and disposed of in the manner I shall think most to Fielding's advantage, I shall therefore be oblig'd to you to purchase Slaves to the Amount; he has allready bought three very Ordinary Hands and unless he gets very good ones for the remainder of his Money, he will not be able to live, indeed I am allmost certain that he will in a year or Two spend every Shillg. as I cannot perceive the least amendment since his Marriage, nor has he the least regard to any advice I give him. I hope you have had an agreeable journey to the Springs and that Miss Custis has been benefitted by them, we have nothing new, nor have I lately heard from Nansemond: the late Wind and Rain has done incredible damage below; all the Fother entirely lost and the Corn blown down, Tobo. that was in the Fields lost and several Ships &c drove ashoar, we have suffer'd in this Neighbourhood yet not considerably. Our Election comes on next Monday, cannot say who will be our Burgesses¹ tho' expect B. Grymes will be one altho'

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every Man of any tolerable understanding I believe will be against him. Mr. Dixon & Mr. Marye² are the other two that offer and it's believ'd Mr. Dixon will be chosen I am

Dr Sir your most Affect. Hume. Servt. FIELDING LEWIS

1 According to Washington's copy of the Virginia Almanac for 1769 the Representatives from Spotsylvania were Benjamin Grymes and Fielding Lewis, and for 1770 Benjamin Grymes and Roger Dixon.

2 Peter Marye.